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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

*In the matter of Verizon Wireless/ Alltel Corporation Transfer of Control Applications,
WT Docket No. 08-95*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association and its 4,500+ members, we urge you to support the Verizon Wireless and Alltel merger, announced earlier this year. We are a 501(c)(3) not for profit membership association whose members are chief executive officers of state and local law enforcement agencies, elected Sheriffs, and Directors and Commissioners of public safety throughout the United States and internationally. We believe this merger will provide a significant benefit for all of its customers and increase public safety capabilities nationwide. We urge you to act quickly concerning this merger.

It is paramount that law enforcement professionals throughout the nation are able to communicate in an effective manner, which in turn produces a higher quality of life in our communities.

Beyond assisting law enforcement officials, agencies, and departments, Verizon Wireless has shown a commitment to keep its network up and running during some of the most trying times. During the June floods in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Verizon Wireless used a fully functional generator-powered cell site to support the command center of the 185th Air Refueling Wing of the Iowa Air National Guard. In recent California wildfires, Verizon Wireless loaned equipment for private and emergency personnel use, including cell phones and Broadband Access cards, and provided free voice and Internet access.

Verizon Wireless has a long and proven track record of assisting local law enforcement and providing them with the tools needed to complete their jobs. There are countless examples throughout the nation of how their cooperation has proven crucial to either solving crimes or preventing them. The transaction with Alltel will help extend this corporate ethic to more areas of this country.

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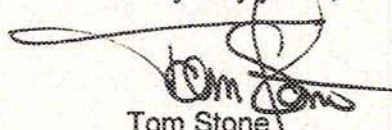
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The technology used by Verizon Wireless is especially useful in assisting law enforcement. Verizon Wireless was a pioneer in rolling out E911 service, for example. Its technology provides location information for mobile phone users and, as a handset-based provider, is held to the highest standard for mobile phone providers. Furthermore, the technology used by Verizon Wireless to provide backup capabilities during natural disasters is a standard that all wireless providers should strive to meet.

I know as a concerned citizen you will recognize the benefits of this merger and its impact on public safety nationwide. On behalf of our membership and law enforcement throughout the United States, I urge you to approve the merger.

Very truly yours,



Tom Stone
Executive Director